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<u>CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY</u>

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: October 27, 2014

9 C.F.R. § 3.137(a)(1) Primary enclosures used to transport live animals. No dealer, research facility, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale shall offer for transportation or transport, in commerce, any live animal in a primary enclosure which does not conform to the following requirements:

Primary enclosures, such as compartments, transport cages, cartons, or crates used to transport live animals shall be constructed in such a manner that...the structural strength of the enclosure shall be sufficient to contain the live animals and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation.

You failed to transport a Syrian brown bear in a primary enclosure strong enough to contain the animal securely. The bear escaped from a kennel-type enclosure with a faulty latch during transport between your Sanborn, Minnesota and Brainard, Minnesota facilities. The bear encountered people in the parking lot of the restaurant where it escaped before being captured and transported to an animal hospital and wildlife rehabilitation facility.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$1,357.

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